

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
DALLAS DIVISION

RICO CORTEZ DUKES, §  
Plaintiff, §  
v. § CIVIL NO. 3:17-CV-2304-M-BK  
DUKE MEHAL ROCKEFELLER, §  
Defendant. §

**ORDER ACCEPTING FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATION  
OF THE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

The United States Magistrate Judge made Findings, Conclusions, and a Recommendation in this case. No objections were filed. The District Court reviewed the proposed Findings, Conclusions and Recommendation for plain error. Finding none, the Court **ACCEPTS** the Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendation of the United States Magistrate Judge.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that this action is summarily **DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE** as frivolous. *See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B).*

The Court prospectively **CERTIFIES** that any appeal of this action would not be taken in good faith. *See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3); FED. R. APP. P. 24(a)(3).* In support of this certification, the Court adopts and incorporates by reference the Magistrate Judge's Findings, Conclusions, and Recommendation. *See Baugh v. Taylor, 117 F.3d 197, 202* and n.21 (5th Cir. 1997). Based on the Findings and Recommendation, the Court finds that any appeal of this action would present no legal point of arguable merit and would, therefore, be frivolous.

*Howard v. King, 707 F.2d 215, 220 (5th Cir. 1983).*<sup>1</sup> In the event of an appeal, Plaintiff may

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<sup>1</sup> *Federal Rule of Appellate Procedure 4(a)* governs the time to appeal an order. A timely notice of appeal must be filed even if the district court certifies an appeal as not taken in good faith.

challenge this certification by filing a separate motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* on appeal with the Clerk of the Court, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. *See Baugh*, 117 F.3d at 202; FED. R. APP. P. 24(a)(5).

SO ORDERED this 3rd day of November, 2017.



Barbara M. G. Lynn  
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CHIEF JUDGE